

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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**Associate of Applied Science Degree  
Associate of Arts Degree**

**Credit Hours Required for Graduation:**  
Associate of Applied Science Degree:  
Criminal Justice..... 60.0  
Associate of Arts Degree:  
Criminal Justice..... 60.0

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Does a career in law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice, probation, homeland security, private security and others interest you? Is obtaining and maintaining public trust and confidence important to you? You can make a difference with a career in criminal justice. Graduates of the program find employment in a wide variety of entry-level positions within the profession.

## SCC is the Right Choice

You'll gain a wealth of knowledge from faculty who have extensive education and experience in law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice, probation, military, prosecution and defense litigation, crime scene investigation, homeland security, and private security.

- You'll be prepared to perform basic duties and tasks associated with entry-level positions in criminal justice and corrections
- Graduates can use their Associate of Applied Science or Associate of Arts degree as two years of credit toward a bachelor's degree



*"My goal for every student is that they gain successful employment in the criminal justice field of their choice. I bring real-life scenarios to the classroom for students to use their critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Students get hands-on experience processing mock crime scenes, interviewing/interrogating, report writing, mock trial and basic law enforcement/corrections tactics.*

*In a field in which documentation is critical, students need to have strong writing skills. Oral communications also is critical in which professionals in this field need to be able to de-escalate situations or communicate clearly commands or have empathy for victims/witnesses who don't want to speak. I encourage students to start engaging in conversation face-to-face.*

*I enjoy when students come back after graduation or email me and are so excited when they land their first job in the field. I love to see my students succeed and to see them start their career."*

*-Rita Dondlinger, Program Director*



## Top Career Options

- Community Service Officer
- File Clerk
- Corrections Officer
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Social Worker

## Graduate Earnings

Recent graduates report an average starting salary of <sup>^</sup>\$34,112 per year.

<sup>^</sup> To maintain confidentiality for recent graduates, a three-year average is reported.

### 2020-2021 Resident Estimated Expenses

Tuition/Fee Rate Per Credit Hour	\$111
Resident Tuition/Fees	\$6,660
Books	\$800
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,460</b>
Non-Resident Tuition/Fee Rate Per Credit Hour	\$132
Non-Resident Tuition/Fees	\$7,920

## Special Program Requirements

Criminal justice agencies have strict admission/hiring qualifications. Factors that usually disqualify candidates from employment include, but are not limited to, a criminal record (i.e. theft, assault, any felony), history of drug/alcohol abuse, significant psychological/personal disorders, dishonesty, etc. Criminal Justice agencies hire only the best qualified individuals to obtain and maintain public trust and confidence.